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THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Knoxville, Tennessee

January 1, 1957

To His Excellency, Frank G. Clement, Governor of Tennessee:

Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee, a report of the work and expenditures of the Agricultural Experiment Station for the year 1956. This report is submitted in accordance with the law requiring that the Board having direction of the Experiment Station shall annually submit to the Governor of the State a report of its operations and expenses.

Very Respectfully,
C. E. BREHM,
President

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INTRODUCTION

Tennessee agricultural progress depends upon a comprehensive research program commensurate with the diversity of soils, climate, topography, types of farming, market facilities, etc., found in the State. To provide such a research program, the Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Tennessee carries on work in all the major areas of the State, through branch stations; and, in some areas, through cooperative agreements with farmers and landowners. While all the work is centered at Knoxville, where heads of departments are headquartered, certain projects may be emphasized or pursued exclusively at the branch stations. Thus research can be centered upon problems affecting agriculture in all the different types-of-farming areas. The program as a whole moves agricultural technology forward year by year as new and important findings are brought out and proved. Many of the station projects are directed toward the solution of problems affecting everyday farming activities; and some fundamental research projects seek principles and facts which must be established before practical problems can be solved.

This continuous research brings to light worthwhile information every year; and over long periods the accumulation of information enables research workers and farmers to determine factors that contribute to the greatest possible efficiency in agricultural production and marketing. Work of the station has already helped to raise the total yearly income of the State by many millions of dollars. It is clearly indicated that the future holds promise of even greater gains provided that a sound, well executed research program is continued.

Funds for research at the station are derived from several sources. Most of the financing comes from the Federal and State governments. The station works cooperatively with many groups of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; and with the Atomic Energy Commission. In addition, substantial contributions are made by various industries related to agriculture.

Fields of research carried on by the various departments of the station are indicated in this report, under alphabetical listing of

departments. This report also contains citations of materials published by the station, and scientific journals.

Progress reports from the station are published in the Tennessee Farm and Home Science, which is issued quarterly. In addition, the station disseminates information in scores of ways, notably through press releases, radio and television programs, and through materials discussed and distributed at field days on the branch stations. The Department of Information supervises dissemination of information through mass media; distribution of bulletins and printed reports; and gives assistance with many information phases of the field days and other events held at branch stations. The number of people reached in this way every year runs into hundreds of thousands. In addition to the regularly scheduled field days, thousands of visitors receive information through informal visits.

The station maintains a library for reference use by station personnel. Some 70 new volumes were added to the library in 1956, making a total of almost 15,000 volumes. In addition, 256 completed periodical volumes were bound and put into circulation within the year.

Following are summaries of work programs at the branch stations.

Middle Tennessee Experiment Station

COLUMBIA

The research program on this station is devoted to dairy and beef cattle, sheep, pastures, forage crops and general problems peculiar to the central basin of Middle Tennessee. Emphasis is placed on pastures and forage crops, using animals to measure the differences. Fertility work to balance the high phosphorus content of central basin soils is carried on, using the principal crops grown in the area. Irrigation studies are under way. Strip mining of rock phosphate each year destroys the productivity of several acres of land. A project in reclaiming mined phosphate land has been initiated. At the present time bench marks are being established on the productivity of the land before it is mined. This land subsequently will be mined and leveled. Studies then

will be directed toward determining costs and methods of bringing the land back into production of crops.

Additional improvements in housing and facilities, needed especially on the new 285 acre tract, will be started.

West Tennessee Experiment Station

JACKSON

Since the principal crop in West Tennessee is cotton, much of the research work on this station is concentrated upon this crop. Variety tests, breeding, insect and disease control, weed control, fertility and irrigation are emphasized. In addition to cotton, horticultural crops adapted to the area are studied. Corn, small grains, soybeans, forage and pasture crops also are being studied in a wide variety of tests. Emphasis is placed on finding additional farm enterprises for cotton farms. The scope of the dairy work is being expanded and during the next biennium herd numbers should approach 100 milking cows. Large numbers of dairy animals are necessary for breeding and management experiments. The research on hogs will be reorganized with more emphasis on grazing.

The buildings and facilities on this station have been greatly improved within the past two years and this improvement plan should be completed during the next two years.

Tobacco Experiment Station

GREENEVILLE

The burley tobacco research on this station is a cooperative undertaking by the University and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The main objective is to improve quality and yields of tobacco through breeding and management studies. Five superior varieties of burley tobacco have been released, the latest (1955) a very promising mosaic—and wildfire-resistant one. These new varieties have gained wide acceptance by farmers and their use should add millions of dollars to the income of Tennessee tobacco growers. In addition to tobacco research, the production of general crops, pastures and forage crops adapted to upper East Tennessee

are being studied. Breeding and management studies, involving beef cattle and sheep, are under way.

Additional housing for farm labor and facilities for handling beef cattle are planned.

Dairy Experiment Station

LEWISBURG

The Dairy Experiment Station is operated cooperatively by the University of Tennessee and the Dairy Branch of the Agricultural Research Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The principal objective is the improvement of Jersey cattle, through a scientific breeding program. Progress in this field is being made. The mature equivalent milk production for the entire herd is now approximately 10,000 pounds of 4% milk in 305 days per cow. Production and utilization studies of forage crops (pasture, hay and silage) are progressing in terms of milk production. Rations containing large quantities of quality silage, hay and pasture have proved satisfactory for economical milk production from high producing cows.

During the past fiscal year an adjoining tract containing 135 acres was purchased. Funds accumulated from milk sales will be used to pay for this land over a five-year period. The addition of this land will materially improve the effectiveness of the dairy research work of this Station. The present barns, office building and housing facilities are inadequate. The Agricultural Research Service has requested additional funds to construct a new administration building, laboratory, and barns. There is need for land improvement and additional housing. Some of these needed improvements will be made, and paid from the milk receipts. The cooperative arrangement with the U. S. Department of Agriculture is working very satisfactorily.

UT-AEC Agricultural Research Laboratory

OAK RIDGE

The UT-AEC Agricultural Research Laboratory is jointly sponsored by the University of Tennessee and the Atomic Energy

Commission and is under the direction of the Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station. The Atomic Energy Commission provides the major part of funds for the operation of this program under contract. The objectives of the program are threefold: first, to carry on fundamental studies on agricultural problems using radioactive isotopes and radiation; second, to provide opportunities for graduate students and scientists to become acquainted with the application of nuclear energy in the field of agriculture; and, third, to carry on certain related programmatic work requested by the AEC. Basic research in fields of animal nutrition, animal breeding, physiology of milk production, plant breeding and plant nutrition is under way. Under a revised contract with the AEC, the Experiment Station has considerable flexibility in the operations of this program and is permitted to expand and carry on additional work, thus making more efficient use of these facilities.

Highland Rim Experiment Station

SPRINGFIELD

The program of the Highland Rim Experiment Station has these general objectives: the improvement of dark tobacco, burley tobacco, general farm crops, pastures and livestock production practices especially adapted to the soils, climate, and topography of the Highland Rim Area. The breeding of disease resistant dark tobacco, testing varieties of field crops, pasture studies, irrigation studies, and the breeding of improved beef cattle are some of the important projects under way. The station, although relatively new, is fast becoming the source of agricultural research information for the Highland Rim.

Within the past fiscal year a new administration building, two houses for farm labor, and improved water systems have been completed. There still exists a need for additional housing for labor, storage facilities and fencing.

Plateau Experiment Station

CROSSVILLE

Horticultural work, including both fruits and vegetables, has the main objective of finding new crops that will provide new

sources of farm income for the Cumberland Plateau. Breeding, feeding and grazing studies with beef cattle and sheep are being carried on and enlarged as fast as the productivity of the land can be increased and new land cleared. This station is also carrying on research work with tobacco and general farm crops.

During the past fiscal year a new administration building, and house for the Assistant Superintendent were completed on the Grassland tract. The underground water in this area has a high mineral content, making it very unsatisfactory for household purposes. A new water purification system is planned for the next fiscal year. Also approximately 400 acres of cut-over woodland will be cleared and brought into pasture and crop production during the coming biennium.

Forestry Experiment Station

MORGAN AND SCOTT COUNTIES

The Forestry Experiment Station is in two blocks of land totaling 8,000 acres located in Scott and Morgan Counties in the Cumberland Mountain area. These tracts were conveyed to the University in 1937 by the Bryn-Mawr Mining and Land Company. The Experiment Station is primarily interested in research and demonstrational possibilities of this property. The program is designed to show landowners that good forestry practices pay; and to assist landowners in conserving and better utilizing this great replaceable resource. Forest conditions and topography of the station are typical of thousands of acres on the Cumberland Plateau.

Ames Plantation

GRAND JUNCTION

The Ames Plantation is being developed by the College of Agriculture. Five research projects have been approved and are under way. The five projects are: forestry, pilot farm, beef cattle breeding and management, swine breeding and management, and farm management work with tenant farmers. A new project in wild life management is being planned. In addition to the above projects, experimental plots of cotton varieties, cotton insect and

disease control, cotton fertilization, and seed increase of a new variety of cotton are being carried on. The operating expenses for carrying on this program are largely provided from a trust fund established by Mrs. Ames, and by the income from the Plantation. The personnel—project leaders—are jointly provided by the University and the Ames Foundation. The research program on the Plantation should provide answers for farm adjustments so badly needed in the cotton section of the state.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

In Account With

The United States Appropriation under the Hatch Act Amended
and Non-Federal Funds, 1955-56.

	Federal Funds		Non-Federal Funds
	HATCH	TITLE II	
Receipts			
From United States Treasurer	\$660,989.04	\$ 2,390.48	
From Other Sources			\$897,619.96
Expenditures			
Personal Service	\$530,466.36	\$ 375.00	\$439,172.39
Travel	15,781.81		21,238.63
Transportation of Things	875.73	3.00	4,722.57
Communication Service	466.79		10,607.02
Rents and Utility Services	546.26		14,375.71
Printing and Binding	974.85		11,176.20
Other Contractual Services	9,257.57		34,466.76
Supplies and Materials	54,094.26	481.30	174,227.87
Equipment	38,802.55	1,531.18	61,099.61
Land and Structures (Contractual)	9,722.86		102,444.31
Contributions to Retirement			24,088.89
Total Expenditures	\$660,989.04	\$ 2,390.48	\$897,619.96

Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology

Federal-State Research Projects

Farm Organization in Particular Type-of-Farming Areas.

Farmers' Financial Problems in Tennessee.

- A Study of Rural Community Organizations as They Affect the Diffusion of Information on, and the Adoption of, New Farming and Homemaking Techniques.
- Farmers' Capital Needs and Problems of Capital Acquisition.
- Farming Adjustment in Tennessee, with Emphasis on Economics of Conservation Farming.
- Impact of Industrial Development Upon Tennessee's Agriculture.
- Labor Requirements and Supply on Tennessee Farms.
- Factors Affecting Cotton Prices in Local Markets (contributing project to Regional Project SM-1, Revised).
- Buying Policies and Other Practices of Vegetable Marketing Organizations in Tennessee; cooperative with the Department of Horticulture (contributing project to Regional Project SM-8).
- Marketing Livestock in Tennessee (contributing project to Regional Project SM-7).
- Economics of Milk Marketing in Tennessee.
- Type and Breed as Factors Influencing Beef Carcass Characteristics and Consumer Acceptance; cooperative with the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science.
- Marketing Tennessee Horticultural Specialties; cooperative with the Department of Horticulture (contributing project to Regional Project SM-12).
- Effects of Various Factors on the Demand for Poultry and Poultry Products (contributing project to Regional Project SM-15).
- The Effect of Price, Price Relationships, Selected Population Characteristics and Income, on Fluid Milk Utilization (contributing project to Regional Project SM-10).
- Marketing Forest Products—Practices of First Buyers and Producers of Forest Products in Tennessee; cooperative with the Department of Forestry.
- A Study of Cooperative Prices Paid Producers for Milk of Manufacturing Grade in Tennessee and the Midwest.
- An Economic Analysis of the Effects of Fires on Insurance and Other Costs at Gins in Tennessee (contributing project to Regional Project SM-17).

- Financial Management and Related Problems Affecting the Success of Tennessee Cooperatives.
- Improving the Usefulness of Livestock Marketing Information (contributing project to Regional Project SM-20).
- Economic Analysis and Evaluation of the Use of Fiber Tests in the Marketing of Cotton (contributing project to Regional Project SM-18).
- An Economic Study of Feed and Forage Production and Use on Beef and Dairy Farms in Specified Areas of Tennessee (contributing project to Regional Project S-27).
- Buying Policies and Other Practices in the Tennessee Vegetable Industry; cooperative with the Department of Horticulture.
- The Market Potential for U. S. Tobacco in Italy.
- Fluid Milk Supplies, Prices and Movement in the Lower Mississippi River Valley Marketing Area (contributing project to Regional Project SM-10).
- A Study of the Costs and Margins Involved in the Manufacture and Marketing of Cheddar Cheese.

State Research Projects

- Economics of Part-Time Farming.
- Over-all Management and Land Use for Ames Plantation.
- The Pulliam Tract—Ames Plantation.
- Tenant Operations on the Ames Plantation.

Projects Concluded in 1956

- Financial Problems of Farmers' Purchasing Associations in Tennessee.
- Possibilities of Farm Enlargement and Resulting Influences on Farm Organization and Returns Under Varying Economic Conditions.

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Raskopf, B. D.

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Agricultural Engineering

Federal-State Research Projects

Development of Food Processing Machinery.

Investigations in Structures and Mechanical Equipment for Storing, Drying, and Handling of Hay and Silage.

Moisture Sorption Characteristics of the Major Soils of Tennessee; cooperative with the Department of Agronomy (contributing project to Regional Project S-24).

Harvesting and Processing of Grass and Legume Seeds Under Southern Conditions.

New Type Concrete Block for Building a Farm House (contributing project to Regional Project S-8).

Investigations in the Improvement of Sprayers and Non-Solid Fertilizer Distributors.

Chemical Weed Control; cooperative with the Departments of Agronomy and Horticulture.

Curing of Air-Cured Tobacco.

Electromagnetic Radiation Effects on Living Organisms of Plants, Seeds and Plant Products.

State Research Projects

Paints for Galvanized Roofs.

Development of Electric Heating Panels.

Construction of an All-Concrete House; cooperative with the Department of Home Economics Research.

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Agronomy

Evaluation of the Performance of Varieties of Field Crops.

Corn Improvement; cooperative with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Conservation of Organic Matter in the Soil as Affected by Degree of Neutralization (Liming).

Nutrient Phosphorus Value of Rock Phosphate to Various Plants under Various Soil Treatments Such as Organic Matter and Ammonium Salts.

Production of Burley Tobacco; cooperative with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The Comparative Value and Relative Efficiency of Various Phosphate Fertilizers (including rock phosphate) Under Different

- Soil and Cropping Conditions; cooperative with the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- Improvement of Cultivated Grasses.
- Pasture Fertilization Studies, Including Chemical Analyses of Forage.
- Subsoiling.
- Potassium Fertilization of Farm Crops on Different Soil Series in Tennessee.
- Moisture Sorption Characteristics of the Major Soils of Tennessee; cooperative with the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Tennessee Valley Authority (contributing project to Regional Project S-24).
- Study of the Poisoning of Cattle Pastured on Fescue.
- Movement and Persistence of Herbicides in the Soil (contributing project to Regional Project S-18).
- The Effects of Various Management Variables on Grass, Fescue, Clover, and Alfalfa (contributing project to Regional Project S.12).
- Establishment and Maintenance of Turf.
- Soil Survey to Help Determine Crop Adaptations and Management Requirements; cooperative with the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Soil Conservation Service.
- Pesticide Residues (contributing project to Regional Project S-22).
- Atmospheric Effluents; cooperative with the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- Chemical Weed Control.
- Root Development of Farm Crops as Related to the Physical and Chemical Characteristics of the Soil; cooperative with the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- Orchard Grass vs. Fescue. Fall Fescue and Ladino Clover—Nitrogen Fertilization as Reflected in Beef Cattle, Gains, etc.
- Effect of Certain Insecticides and Herbicides upon the Biochemical Activities of the Soil.
- The Influence of Chemical, Physical, and Mineralogical Properties of Soils on Nutrient Availability and Plant Growth.

- The Role of Trace Elements in Tennessee Agriculture.
- New Plants (contributing project to Regional Project S-9).
- Agronomic Research on Soil and Fertilizer Problems relating to Evaluation and Efficient Use of TVA Experimental Fertilizers in Tennessee; cooperative with the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- Research on Soil Productivity and Management in Tennessee; cooperative with the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- Breeding for New and Extended Properties in Cottons in the Southeast; cooperative with the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- Improving Breeding Methodology; cooperative with the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- Methods for Controlling Seedling Diseases of Cotton; cooperative with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

State Research Projects

- Comparison of Perennial and Winter Annual Grass-Legume Mixtures for Winter Grazing.

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Federal-State Research Projects

Carcass Yield Investigations With Pork.

Ripening of Beef From Cattle Produced Under Different Feeding Methods as Related to Palatability, Tenderness and B-Vitamin Content; cooperative with the Department of Home Economics Research.

Carcass Value Investigations With Beef.

Types and Breeds as Factors Influencing Beef Carcass Characteristics and Consumer Acceptance; cooperative with the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology.

Studies of Endocrine Relationships in Swine.

Studies of Endocrine Relationships in Sheep.

Studies of Endocrine Relationships in Beef Cattle.

Effects of Various Levels and Sources of Fluorine on Animals; cooperative with the Department of Agronomy.

The Improvement of the Producing Ability of Beef Cattle (contributing project to Regional Project S-10).

Evaluation of Roughages for Beef Cattle.

Evaluation of Different Pasture Species in Various Combinations and at Varying Rates of Nitrogen Fertilization as Reflected in Beef Cattle Gains and Forage Yields; cooperative with the Department of Agronomy.

A Study of the Poisoning of Cattle Pastured on Fescue; cooperative with the Department of Agronomy.

Mineral Metabolism in Animals: Absorption, Distribution and Physiological Behavior of Calcium and Phosphorus in Farm Animals; cooperative with the U-T A. E. C. Research Program.

Mineral Metabolism in Animals: Interrelationships of Calcium and Phosphorus with Vitamins, Minerals, Hormones and Other Factors; cooperative with the U-T A. E. C. Research Program.

The Detection of Animals Heterozygous for Recessive Bovine Dwarfism (contributing project to Regional Project S-10).

The Effects of Radiation on Reproductive Physiology in Farm Animals; cooperative with the U-T A. E. C. Research Program.

Evaluation of the Adaptability of Existing Breeds and Commercial Types of Sheep for the Production of Early Milk Fat Lambs (contributing project to Regional Project S-29).

Expanded Study and Evaluation of Diagnostic Measures in Vibrio Fetus Infection of Cattle and Sheep (contributing project to Regional Project S-30).

Factors Affecting Feed Utilization by Ruminants.

Effects of (a) Various Methods of Wintering and (b) Irrigation of Bluegrass-Hop and White Clover and Orchardgrass-Alfalfa-Ladino Pastures on the Production of Slaughter Yearlings.

The Influence of Different Methods of Wintering and Nitrogen and Water Applications on Bluegrass Pastures during the Summer on the Production of Slaughter Yearlings.

The Improvement of the Producing Ability of Swine Through Performance Testing and Breeding Methods.

Evaluation of Control Measures Against Anaplasmosis.

State Research Projects

Degossypolized Cottonseed Meal in Growing Fattening Swine Rations.

The Use of Urea in Rations for Cattle and Sheep.

The Value of Sugar or Sugar Substitutes in Creep Rations for Baby Pigs.

Pasture Investigations With Swine.

Projects Concluded in 1956

Sheep Production for Tennessee: (a) Replacement Ewes for Tennessee Sheep Flocks; (b) Improvement of the Producing Ability of Sheep.

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State Research Projects

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Evaluation of New Insecticides.

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Breeding for Improvement of Wheat Varieties to Include Resistance to Disease, the Hessian Fly, and Changes in Morphological Characters; cooperative with the Departments of Plant Pathology, and Botany.

Determination of Residues from Certain Pesticides When Applied for Normal and Experimental Control of Insects and Diseases of Fruits and Forage Crops; cooperative with the Departments of Agronomy, and Plant Pathology (contributing project to Regional Project S-22).

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Federal-State Research Projects

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